Loss of an umbrella in Cranganur—enquiry into.

154. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—With reference to question No. 634, dated 14th February 1933, regarding failure in duty of Police Inspector, Cranganur, will the Government be pleased to state whether their answer is not a mere copy of the Inspector's explanation of the matter ;

(2) whether the Hon'ble Member for Police has inquired into the matter previous or subsequent to the answering of the question ; and

(3) if he has, the results of his enquiry ; and

(4) if has not, whether he has any objection to conduct such an enquiry in the light of the fact that the incident includes robbery as well ?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—(1) The answer was based on the report received from the Inspector.

(2) No.

(3) Does not arise.

(4) There is no complaint or information that a robbery or any other cognisable offence was committed. The Ezhuva youth under reference has not mentioned anything about the umbrella to the Inspector. No enquiry is, therefore, deemed necessary in the matter.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—About the heading—Was it only the loss of an umbrella or the omissian to take action for the dispossession, the issue raised in the question?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—The heading could have been the alleged robbery of an umbrella.

Preparation of indexes to Council Proceedings.

155. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim—Will the Government be pleased to state to which all volumes of the present Council Proceedings indexes have been prepared and when they intend to supply the remaining ones ?

Mr. C. J. Mathew—To all volumes up to the end of 1107 M. E.

When the printing of the remaining volumes are over.

Period of notice for answering certain questions.

156. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—With reference to all the answers of the Government, in which the unavailability of statistics was pleaded, will they be pleased to indicate the longest notice they had for answering such questions ?

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—The time and labour involved in collecting the information do not appear to be commensurate with the purpose served.

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Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—In this category mentioned here of the non-collection of statistics, are not important issues like village land distribution, mortality, starvation and such other things included?

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Perhaps, yes. I want notice.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Then how is it the Government came to the conclusion that the time and labour involved in collecting the information do not appear to be commensurate with the purpose served?

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Well it is a matter of opinion.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—There must be some grounds for an opinion.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—No particular grounds.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—So, am I to take it that the Government have no particular grounds for their proposition.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—They have nothing more to say except what they have already mentioned here in answer to your question.

Works under Panchayat, Sanitary and other Departments—execution of.

157. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to print and lay on the table a list of sanctioned items of work in the (1) P. W. D., (2) Panchayat, (3) Sanitary and (4) other departments;

(a) which have already been taken up but not yet completed as the work connected with land acquisition is not over; and

(b) which have not been taken up as land acquisition is not over?

Rama Varma Tampuran.—A list giving the information as it stood on 28th Edavam 1108 is appended. (*Appendix I*).

Lapse of amounts provided for works by delay in land acquisition.

158. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to inform the amounts lapsed annually in 1105, 1106, 1107 and 1108 in the (a) P. W. D. (b) Panchayat and (c) other departments as land acquisition was not over to take up and complete the work?

Rama Varma Tampuran.—A list giving the available information is appended. (*Appendix II.*)

Number of questions till now disallowed.

159. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government be pleased to state the total number of disallowed questions ever after the Cochin Legislative Council was instituted?

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